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PRAYER for Persia is peculiarly the need of the hour. There are unwonted dangers and threatenings. Our friends in Urumia have been deprived of their usual summer airing because it was considered imprudent to go out to Seir village. The murderer of Mr. Labaree was, at last accounts, still in prison.

GOOD cheer is on the way to Persia. After years of separation, Dr. Potter is to get back his wife and daughter, and Rev. Robert Labaree takes up his brother's work. The party of nine sailed in two sections, the conductor, Rev. F. G. Coan, having been suddenly stricken down and promised a run of typhoid fever. The Father of mercies raised him up and sent him and Mrs. Coan on, with two children, glad and thankful, a week later.

FEW of us, perhaps, realize how long the yearly absences of itinerating missionaries are, from their homes, or what length of separation results between husband and wife. January 20, Mrs. McDowell at Van, Turkey, had received no news from her husband for seven weeks. "He left Nov. 4, for the most distant, dangerous part of our field. Without companionship or proper food, at the mercy of the Kurds, he is doing the missionary work." Mrs. Hunt wrote from Korea previous to Minister Allen's recall of Americans into the cities: "I am alone with my little family again. Mr. Hunt left Monday for a two months' stay." Last year, Rev. Andrew Beattie, Canton, spent 118 days in the country, during which he administered the Lord's Supper eighty-two times. In Shantung, Rev. J. A. Fitch spent 110 days in the country, Dr. Effie Cooper 74 days, Rev. Wallace Faris 134, Mrs. Faris 57 days, Rev. John Murray nearly four months, in which he conducted 145 services in thirty villages. The entire first quarter of 1904 was devoted by Rev. Howard Campbell and Rev. C. L. Mackay, Laos, to a journey for the purpose of reaching the Kamoo people beyond the Cambodia. It was a sad disappointment that the French authorities allowed them to visit only one Christian village. Laos elders, however, went freely. Nearly a hundred new believers were awaiting baptism.

IN February, Mrs. W. C. Johnston wrote from Efulen, Africa, "Mr. Johnston started for Gaboon five weeks ago. I have heard from him only once, and there is neither mail nor telegraph to let me know where they are, for they were to return overland from Benito, through a country which no white man has crossed." It proved, when Mr. Johnston and Dr. Weber arrived, that the across country trip had been sufficiently eventful. They had been chased by a mother elephant, a gorilla crashed through the brush near them, and people of one town came out with guns and guarded the path until the missionaries paid the price for a duck which had been "given" them the day before.

IN itinerations covering eleven weeks, between February and May, Rev. W. J. Drummond of Nanking found a general movement towards Christianity and little groups of inquirers springing up all over two districts, where he has itinerated for ten years with small encouragement. He passed a memorable Sunday at Sing Dien where the first chapel has just been opened. "Over a hundred inquirers were present. Elder Gong spoke three hours from 'Ye must be born again.' He spoke well, hit hard, and kept their attention." A man was left to live in the chapel, to hold services and talk with all comers.

A BEAUTIFUL example of self-denial is reported by Rev. Geo. Doolittle of Zahleh, Syria. He describes Metulleh, "a hamlet of the poorest description"; an evening audience on the clay floor; lamps so dim the preacher can well see only the front row of faces; the Lord's

Supper celebrated in that poor room. He describes a simple Christian man, an ex-teacher, of limited mental ability, and very poor. This hamlet joined another in offering the man a small compensation if he would teach their children, but this Syrian Christian immediately gave the chance to another ex-teacher, even more needy than himself.

It was only a short time ago that people of Kodoli, West India, buried four living pigs, one on each side of the town, as a propitiatory offering to the divinity that presides over plague. "Doubtless," Mr. Graham writes, "young women would have taken the place of the pigs, as in good old times, were it not for oppressive English rule."

Two items from the Madura Mission, (American Board,) South India: (1) Dr. Van Allen was debating whether to attempt to convey Christian truth to a very weak and densely heathen patient in the hospital, when the patient surprised him by opening conversation. "When did you hear about Christ?" asked the doctor. "Why," said the man, with a wave of his hand, "the whole world knows about Him." (2) One station, in connection with which there are eighty-one regular congregations, thus accounts for the newest of these:

"It came to us last year, made up entirely of the robber caste. This year they have assisted in building a church and are regular worshipers, their women and children also coming. Once the worst people of the entire region, now none are more orderly and quiet. The transformation in their lives is marvelous."

Rev. Chas. Pittman, of Tabriz, performed his first marriage ceremony in Persia, in the Turkish language, the couple married being Syrians, the best man a German, and the guests Armenians.

Until Americans established a mission in Persia, it was thought immodest for women of the Nestorian Church to know how to read. In 1839, the last year of her noble life, Mrs. Asahel Grant opened a day-school for girls at Urumia. One of those little pupils is still living, Rabi Sarrah, the wife of a superannuated preacher. She knows English well and has translated some of Andrew Murray's books into Syriac.

The preacher at Canton Hospital and pastor of the Second Church, Rev. Kwan Loi, has been called to his great reward. The loss to the flock is also great, for he was a true shepherd, one of many in the missions whom pastors at home would gladly honor. Send for Dr. Beattie's leaflet about Kwan Loi.

The dates of Canton Hospital are significant. It is sixty-nine years old, the last annual meeting of the Medical Society was its sixty-fifth, and last year completed a half century of medical service by members of the Presbyterian Mission. Full statistics for 1903 were given several months ago. Dr. Swan reports 10,671 surgical operations during the last five years.

The proposed Memorial to the Martyrs of 1900, both foreign and Chinese, is to be erected in Shanghai, and to take the form of a large Memorial Hall and Union Building for use of the Chinese and missionaries of all Boards—

"(1) As a perpetual and visible *witness* that China has a martyr Church; (2) as an expression of the *unity* of the Church of all nations and sects, to whom belong the 'cloud of witnesses' as a common heritage; and (3) as an expression of *gratitude* to God, who enabled His servants to glorify Him by such a death."

These figures about the Hunan Mission will be easily carried in mind. By overland route south, it is nearly 100 miles from Siangtan to Hengchow, a little over 100 miles from Hengchow to Chenchow, at least 100 miles from Chenchow to Lienchow (Canton Mission). The territory covered by the new station, Chenchow, includes ten official cities which are occupied by no other mission, to say nothing of market towns and villages. Rev. W. H. Lingle and Dr. S. C. Lewis visited Chenchow last autumn and leased a house for the mission. They had walked, the one all the way from Siangtan, the other from Hengchow.

Speaking of Kurds—A Nestorian asked a Kurd how old he was. "Thirty," he replied. Ten years later the two met again, and the same question received exactly the same reply. "But," said the Christian, "you told me you were thirty, ten years ago." "Yes," said the Kurd, "a *man* stands strongly by his word."

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Incidents from Persia.

[The writer has been stationed at Hamadan for eighteen years.]

There is a very gulf fixed which a foreigner must cross before she can come close enough to women in Persia to influence and help them. So, when called to a feast, or wedding, or obliged to entertain a company of curious callers, weariness is forgotten in the opportunity for overcoming prejudice. Many incidents outside of distinctly missionary work might be recalled.

One winter not very long ago, Her Royal Highness, the daughter of the Shah, came to the vicinity of Hamadan. The ladies of the station begged to pay their respects. A favorable answer was returned, and a sleigh—of more than local fame—conveyed five ladies to the village. The princess received her visitors with cool dignity, though failing in no point of Persian etiquette. In the course of the call, she ordered one of her maidens to bring an embroidery frame, in which a piece of work was already begun. Accompanying it was a complicated machine with which to do the work, and the princess wished to be instructed in its use. This was evidently her latest fad, around which her interest for the time centered, but none of the ladies had ever seen a machine like it, and the directions being in French, all expressed their inability to instruct her. The frame was taken away and we returned home. A day or two later, a servant from the princess was announced and came in, bearing the embroidery frame and needle, with a request that the ladies set the machine to work. The message intimated full confidence in their ability to comply and failure to do so might be construed as an offence. So the obscure directions in French and the needle were taken in hand, with the result that a specimen piece of embroidery was sent to the princess with the servant. The reply was a request for a visit and the offer of a carriage. The cool dignity of the former occasion was laid aside. While sitting on the same cushion with her in-

HAMADAN CITY, LYING AT THE FOOT OF ELVEND.
* Faith Hubbard School.

structor, she was initiated into the secret of working the "Fairy in the Home," as the wonderful needle was called.

Can this be missionary work? There was not opportunity for direct preaching, but "gathering out the stones" of prejudice in the way of the Prince of Peace is also to be done.

Soon after school closed in the summer of 1901, an opportunity offered to make a journey to the home of a Persian of rank who lived in a village some four days distant from Hamadan. Memory brings back the beginning of that journey, as we rode out of the city just as light was breaking in the East. It was in very hot weather and traveling had to be by night. Horses and an armed escort had been provided, so the journey was performed safely, with only an occasional false alarm of robbers to vary the monotony of the night march. We reached our destination in early morning, just as the village was showing signs of life. Passing an imposing gateway, we entered the spacious grounds of our host. Men-servants abounded who were more curious than attentive, and our servants had difficulty in securing the commodious room that they thought fitting for our accommodation. We were surprised that no women were to be seen, but though somewhat embarrassed, we could do nothing but await developments. After a reasonable time, we wandered out in the garden, where a servant followed, offering to take us to the *anderun*—the women's apartments. We followed him with a feeling of relief, which slowly ebbed away as we passed beyond curtains, around corners, through devious ways, till our guide halted in front of a ponderous gate, by which a keeper was stationed. He rose with deliberation, unlocked the gate, and opening it part way, motioned us to enter. We were scarcely through when the gate closed with a bang and we heard the key turning in the lock. Our guide had remained outside and we were alone. As retreat was impossible, we went forward, and found ourselves in an enclosure, at the far side of which women were moving about. We were taken in charge by one of them and conducted to an upper room, into the presence of our host. He was sitting in lonely dignity at the upper end of the room, while at the lower end one of his numerous wives was standing and humbly serving her lord and master with his morning tea. This was our introduction to a typical old, conservative Persian home, in which we spent some weeks, becoming quite intimate with the family and gaining an insight of the workings in such an institution.

Four principal wives had their separate establishments. After these four, there were other women of various rank and degrees, to the number of more than one hundred. The host whom we met there was the only man who had access to the *anderun*. Even his sons—brothers of young ladies confined there—were not admitted. The latest arrival was a young girl, in the rank of secondary wife. She was viewed with disfavor by all the others and looked lonely and sad, and one could not wonder—a stranger in the midst of enemies. But whatever the rank or degree, all were companions in captivity. Over that gate might have been inscribed, "All ye who enter here, leave hope behind." The grown-up young women daughters had never seen beyond those high walls. One was married, but by her own showing it was only a change of prisons. They were not permitted even to take the air on a balcony overlooking the grounds beyond, lest some man might cast his eyes on them. Often when we were leaving, they would accompany us towards the gate, but at a certain distance from it they would halt. They could not approach too near, for the gate might unexpectedly open and afford a glimpse beyond. Think of the monotony of such a life! Even their food lacks variety. For the three weeks, or more, we were there, one meal was simply a repetition of the preceding.

We longed to help those women to catch a glimpse, from the midst of their captivity, of the "glorious liberty of the children of God." While they seemed to envy our freedom, they were not ready to accept the only freedom possible for them at present. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Our host treated us with all kindness and courtesy and confided to his wives that we were "not women," we were

"angels." As he could not reconcile his preconceived ideas of women with the Christian type brought to his notice, like the barbarians with Paul he went to the other extreme. The New Testament was always taken with us, and sometimes one of the women would read it. The gentleman himself, who seemed to be a living example of "life in the flesh," could read the eighth chapter of Romans, in the presence of his wi[illegible] and daughters, indorse it all, and [illegible] press his admiration of the sentime[illegible] without being seemingly conscious [illegible] any personal application. Nevertheless, God's Word has entered that home, a copy of it is shut in with those women, and "the entrance of Thy Word giveth light."

Charlotte G. Montgomery.

Cholera at Hamadan, Persia.

On May 23 the first definite report of the appearance of cholera in Hamadan was sent to the capital. It had been rumored earlier that a Mullah, who was returning from Kerbela to Hamadan, obtained telegraphic permission from the Shah to break quarantine at Besitan, and brought cholera in his train, some 800 pilgrims having joined him bound for various parts of Persia. But the first reports were hushed up. Two quarantine physicians who had come here were invited to meet with Dr. Funk, Dr. Sayid and all our young Jewish doctors to talk over preventive measures—disinfection, etc. Copies of remedies used in Constantinople during a severe epidemic were made and circulated, but Mullahs in the mosque have forbidden people to take our remedies "because they only kill." We have no means of knowing what the death rate is. They bury by night and omit the usual chanting as they move along the street. Instead of refraining from drinking impure water and eating fruit and greens, they indulge to their hearts' desire and then have night processions like those of Moharrem. Each district has also sacrificed a cow.

A child near the Faith Hubbard School died of cholera, and Miss Montgomery went directly to the city to give what comfort and help she could. Another child living opposite the school was attacked, but by prompt use of medicines and care Miss Montgomery was instrumental in saving her life.

One young woman passed away after an illness of several weeks, during which she was attended by Dr. Funk and nursed by Miss Montgomery. She was bright and attractive, and her short life was a sweet one. A month later her husband, the head teacher of the Boys' School, died of cholera in a garden a short distance from Nurmahal. Dr. Funk and Mr. Euwer were with him almost constantly from Monday morning until Tuesday, when he died.

In the city the pestilence is walking in darkness and destruction is wasting at noonday. Dr. Funk and Mr. Hawkes go in on alternate days. In spite of the Mullah's decree, a number have come for medicine.

June 15 we moved to Nurmahal. The hillside and mountains are dotted with tents and the bazaars are well nigh deserted. Church services in town are very poorly attended, but others are held in several gardens. Once again in the history of Hamadan Station we have learned what help, and comfort, and sweetness are to be found in the ninety-first Psalm.

(*Mrs. J. W.*) *Belle Sherwood Hawkes.*

The First Boarding-School for Girls in Persia.

In 1835, Heleneh, the sister of the Nestorian patriarch, was the only woman of her nation who could read. In 1885, at the semi-centennial of the mission in Urumia, more than half of the fifteen hundred persons attending the celebration were women, and when the readers among them were asked to stand, three-fourths of the women arose.

Bishop Mar Yohanan returned to Persia after his visit to the United States, in 1843, and Prince Malik asked him, "What are the wonders of America?" He replied, "The blind they do

see, the deaf they do hear and the women they do read; they be not beasts." Having visited Mount Holyoke Seminary, (now College,) he often said: "Of all colleges in America, Mount Holy Oke be the best, and when I see such a school here, I die."* The beginning was made in 1843, when Fidelia Fiske opened the first boarding-school. It continues to this day, a fountain of sweet water to all that part of Persia.

TESTIMONY OF MISS FISKE'S ASSOCIATE.

Fidelia Fiske, "elect, precious," was the chosen helper of Mary Lyon in the early years of the Seminary, but when the Master's call came for a laborer for the degraded women of Persia, Miss Lyon cheerfully surrendered her reliable teacher, who gladly went out to plant the first offshoot of Alma Mater in missionary lands. The Lord added His seal to her unwearied labors in wonderful revival blessings. When I joined her four years later I was delighted to find a miniature Mount Holyoke in Urumia, Persia.

"Remember your duty to the Seminary" were the parting words of Miss Lyon, and well did Miss Fiske heed them. After fifteen years of arduous, unremitting labor, Miss Fiske was compelled by greatly impaired health to return to her native land. Late in 1858, Miss Fiske obtained a new lease of life and gave much of her strength to spiritual labors in Mt. Holyoke Seminary. Twenty-one years later in June, she left revival scenes at the Seminary and went up to her native hills in Shelburne, Mass., and entered heaven with prayer.

Mary Susan Rice.

* See *Woman and Her Saviour in Persia*, p. 57.

A LETTER OF FORMER DAYS.

OROOMIAH, May, 1849.

You will be glad to know that our loved school is in an interesting state. I never loved a Persian schoolroom more. Since I last wrote, we parted with three of our dear pupils. They have been carried by their friends into the dark regions of Tiary, where they resided before the slaughter of 1843. They had greatly endeared themselves to us by their humble, Christian walk, and it was very hard for us to part with them. The hour of separating was a very affecting one. Teachers and pupils wept, as our last prayers together went up to Heaven. It was made with our hands joined and a pledge of mutual remembrance, till prayer should be turned to praise. Do sometimes remember these lambs among wolves.

Again I must say adieu. May we be preparing for a rest above. Our time is certainly short; let us labor diligently for our loved Saviour.

Fidelia Fiske.

FIDELIA FISKE SEMINARY, URUMIA; EXAMINATION IN ARITHMETIC—In the sitting-room of the Ladies' Home.

FIDELIA FISKE SEMINARY, 1903.

[Condensed from Report.]

At the beginning of the year, the Seminary was well equipped. Two ladies were in charge, and four assistant teachers. There were

seventy-four pupils, of whom fifty-one lived with us.

To raise the standard of our school we kept back the senior class one year for additional training. Every Sunday a preaching service is held besides Sunday-school and C. E. societies, and two evenings in each week gave pupils opportunity for religious conversation with the principal. It was my aim to try to help the girls overcome their temptations and live vigorous Christian lives.

Early in December we held a special day for prayer and fasting. It was a decision day. Considerable religious interest was kindled and many professed to have taken a new start in Christian life. Twelve girls asked for church membership during the winter.

Every month a C. E. social was held; a committee chosen from the girls was appointed hostesses. Their manners, and ease before their companions are improved under the responsibility.

Dr. Labaree conducted evening prayers once a week. Prompted by a feeling of responsibility to their nation called out by one of his talks, we were asked to allow them a day for fasting and prayer for their besieged friends in Tergawar.

Mrs. Labaree gave weekly singing lessons in the winter, and Dr. Emma Miller visited the school to give medical treatment. The summer vacation is now giving the girls a chance to prove the strength of their individual Christian characters. Some of them are doing good work in their own villages. Some have even organized C. E. societies.

Bertha H. McConaughy (*now Mrs. Cochran*).

Last Letter from Rev. Benj. W. Labaree.

(The last letter received by the Y. P. S. C. E. of Brooklyn. It was written five weeks before Mr. Labaree's death. See illustration, WOMAN'S WORK, October, 1903, p. 233.)

URUMIA, Persia, Feb. 1, 1904.

My Dear Christian Endeavor Friends:

We have had a good deal of routine work in connection with our printing office. We have been casting some new type, and it has required a good deal of oversight to see that our comparatively unskilled laborers get the right composition for the type metal, and then to see that the alignment of the twenty-two Syriac letters (with their necessary vowel points and changes in form making really 400 different characters) is all perfect. From lack of funds, our work has to be done in a most primitive fashion and the results are rather more crude than we like to see.

My chief work this winter has been visiting the churches in the villages. I wish I could take you with me on some of my trips. Week before last, I spent several days in Aliawa. We have a little church there, but the members have been quite cold of late, and I did what I could to rouse them to their personal responsibility for the salvation of the many souls, both Syrian and Moslem, in that village. I visited a good many people in their homes. In one large house as we entered, I saw a little boy crying bitterly. As soon as I was seated on the floor, I asked the old grandfather what the little fellow was crying for. "Oh," said he, "he has the smallpox and we have been beating him so that he will not scratch and mar his face." On looking around the room I was not a little horrified to count seven children all sick with the smallpox and some of them frightful-looking little things. I stayed long enough to give them some picture cards, which instantly stopped the piteous wails, except of those too sick to care for pictures. I also gave the parents a severe lecture on the subject of treating their children in such a cruel manner when so sick, and then, after a prayer for the recovery of the whole family, I took grateful departure.

In another village, I found nearly every one assembled at the house of a prominent man who had just died. The large room was full of people, men at one end, women wailing around the body in another part of the room, while on a third side the coffin was being made. An old priest with his deacon was chanting the long service, with often a call to the women to not make so much noise. As I found this service would go on for hours and there would be no opportunity for me to say or do anything to help the people, I said a few words in

an undertone to those near me and went on to another village, where I had a service well attended.

Often our services are held in the common living room, with mud floors and walls, and lighted only from a hole in the roof. In one such home in a very dark village, I was recently preaching to about eighty men, women and children, when some one called down the hole in the roof that my horses were fighting. My servant hastened out to attend to them, and we went on with the service, which was hardly interrupted, and the attention given by the whole congregation was very marked. As I left the village many thanked me most earnestly for having come and begged me to come again.

B. W. Labaree.

Medical Notes from Urumia.

During the hospital year, I have daily routine in the wards and teaching the medical class. Twice a week I am in the dispensary and have had a number of calls to villages. In the summer I wrote up the case books, transferring the daily records of the hospital to permanent form. I have had to do a good deal of sewing in making quilts, curtains and other bedding for the hospital. The microscopical work falls mostly to me, and now since the acquisition of the fine set of test glasses, I shall try my skill in fitting glasses.

Emma T. Miller.

The number of patients treated in the hospital is a little larger than for any preceding year. It is an unceasing source of pleasure and gratitude to God to be able to relieve as much distress as we are, and yet we are also often pained, beyond measure, by being obliged to turn away hopeless cases that have come to us in the strongest confidence that they could be relieved. The past year many Moslems have shown deep interest in religious conversation and in the Bible, and some have written to us after returning to their distant cities. We endeavor to impress upon the minds of our patients, the Mohammedans especially, that whatever we do is done in the name and for the sake of Christ.

The forenoons are largely taken up in the hospital. Students' lessons are given in the afternoon and evening; afternoons are also given to city and village practice. The city practice is chiefly in the homes of the well-to-do and of the noblemen, the Khans and ecclesiastics among the Moslems. The pleasant relations which have always existed between our missionary circle and the highest Moslem families in the place are fostered by these frequent visits to their homes and their calls on us. These people are, for the most part, hospitable, kind and appreciative of pains taken for them, and especially of the good results of treatment.—*J. P. Cochran, Annual Report, 1904.*

Young People of the Mountains.

The children in this picture live in the district of Bohtan, over one hundred miles north of Mosul, on the Tigris River, the most western part of our Persia field. They are mountain children. Their village of Hassan lies in a wild, beautiful gorge, and is surrounded with gardens of figs and pomegranates. The people would be happy and contented were it not for the cruel Kurds and oppressive government of Turkey. In this group the teacher stands near the door. She is better dressed and has a brighter face than the rest. Once she was as ragged, ignorant and dirty as these scholars, but traveling two hundred miles through the wild mountains of Kurdistan, over a road infested with robbers, she made her way to Urumia and was educated in Fiske Seminary. Then she went back to help the poor children of her village.

Kurdistan lies immediately west of Urumia. Most of it is wild and rugged, with high mountains and deep gorges, fit only for wild beasts, yet here, divided into different tribes, live nearly 100,000 Nestorians. Although nominal Christians, they are very dark and degraded, their religion consisting mainly in the observance of long fasts. Their places are so rocky that only by the

greatest toil and frugality can they exist. The villages are built in most inaccessible places to enable the people to defend themselves against the Kurds. The houses, made of rough stone, have an open front, facing a valley, so the inmates are always prepared for attack. As one looks down from a height, the houses and fields on the mountain sides look like flights of stairs.

MOUNTAIN SCHOOL, HASSAN, BOHTAN, IN TURKEY.

After being confined in their uncomfortable houses all winter, the children look forward with great delight to the springtime, when they can go to their beloved *zoomi*. These are the summer pasturing places for the flocks, where each tribe has its own area assigned. The women and children, with the flocks, follow the receding snows up the mountain sides, until in August you will find their encampments all the way from 10,000 to 15,000 feet high, with the snowbanks all around them. It is necessary to have snow for their churning. While the women and girls are busy making butter and cheese, the boys are herding the sheep and the men are planting the fields below. Now and then the men hear guns fired from the encampment far above, a signal of an attack by the Kurds, who steal the sheep. Seizing their guns, with what speed they climb the steep mountain sides! Sometimes, after a long chase, the sheep are recovered, a few men are killed; often they lose all. From what I had heard, I thought of the *zoomi* as delightful places. I found the reality far different from my conception. The people were living in rude huts, most of them with no covering, a few with a little brush thrown on them. We found a place for our tent near the *zoomi*, and although it was August found the water frozen next morning outside our tent.

On a certain day in September the camp breaks up. Men, women and children take packs on their backs and climb down to their homes. Then comes the time to bring in the grass and fuel cut for winter use. Rising long before sunrise, grown folks and little ones start for their loads of grass, making two trips a day. The children are trained to carry packs as soon as they can walk, and so become ready for heavy loads when they are grown.

We have now quite a number of schools among them, and many who have been pupils are preaching and teaching among their own people. We try every year to send promising boys and girls to the advanced schools at Urumia. We now have a station for the mountain people at Van, Turkey, where Messrs. McDowell and Sterrett are teaching and preaching. God has greatly blessed their work, and the gospel is finding an entrance into these dark valleys and mountains. While it was hard work, some of the happiest days I have ever had have been spent in Kurdistan among this interesting people. They are lovable in many ways and deeply appreciate what we are doing for them. *F. G. Coan.*

Hyacinthia, a Pupil of the Tabriz School.

More than a dozen years ago, a shy little girl entered the mission school at Tabriz. Her father was dead and her mother was working hard to support a family of five little children. The mother herself had been my pupil before this little girl was born, coming with a baby in her arms for daily lessons, which, however, had to be discontinued when more babies came.

Little Hyacinthia was in school three years and then was married, at the age of thirteen. Last year when I began to gather up the interrupted friendships of the past, one of the first homes I visited was hers. I found her transformed into a tall, bright-faced woman, with frank, engaging manners, the mother of two children. I had only been in the house a few minutes when she said, "Did you not bring your Bible to read to me?"

I had learned that two of her younger sisters had died of consumption. I saw she looked thin and delicate, and perceived she was not at rest. I found something to read suited to her case, and before giving it to her carefully marked the Bible she asked me for, saying the one she had had was torn. After this she often begged me to come to see her and to read to her.

During the summer she went to the mountains, remaining until late in the fall. After her return she began to attend my Wednesday afternoon meetings, saying, "I have weaned my baby now so I can leave him, and I am coming to meeting every week." And she would come early, bringing her Testament for an hour's reading before the others came, and as she left would linger behind to slip her hand in mine and whisper, "Pray for me"

She was so improved, apparently, when she came down from the mountains that no one felt she was near the end of life, but in a month from the time she began to attend the meetings her place was vacant. In a few days she sent for me, and I found her in bed. The way she clung to me was pathetic. She was like one groping in the dark, and the only thing she could touch was my hand. I tried to point her to Christ. At last the light broke upon her. She said: "I cannot describe the change that has taken place in my soul. I have been rebellious and unhappy. I felt it hard that I should be sick and perhaps die while so young, but now I am so full of joy I do not even think of my illness; whether I get well or whether I do not, it is all the same. When I read this Holy Book I am in an ecstasy," and her face was radiant as she told me of her joy.

She failed rapidly and her hands soon became too weak to hold her Bible; after that she found much comfort in an old hymn-book which had lost its covers, and which she pulled apart, using a few leaves at a time. One day I heard she was worse, and hastening to call I found her lifeless body on the floor surrounded by weeping relatives. They told me she was conscious to the last, and full of joy, trying to comfort her mother, husband, sister, friend. Over and over again, they told me, she assured them that all fear of death was taken away and the future was glorious. The passage which had taken deepest hold upon her was "Ye are the temples of God," and her supreme joy was the consciousness of the indwelling Christ. "Don't fret about me, mother; Jesus has made my heart His temple. I am accepted," were her last words, scarcely uttered when her soul took flight, and she was gone, with so bright a smile upon her face they said, "She died laughing."

The room was full of people who listened wonderingly to this story of her triumphant passing away. Not one of them had ever seen or heard of such a death before, and it has made a deep impression. She was so clear and happy in her experience, so free to talk about it, I wanted her to get well and witness for God among this people, among whom there are so few that know Him, but that was not His will, and "she, being dead, yet speaketh."

This incident has deeply impressed me with the value of our mission schools. Before I returned to Persia I should not have counted Hyacinthia among the "results" of the school, but she told me more than once that though so shy and silent when a child her ears were open and she lost nothing of what was said,

and "pondered these things in her heart." She had married when only a child but had learned to read. She had a Bible and read it. The instruction she received in school forbade her being satisfied with formalism, and in her time of need she turned not to the priest but to her old teacher. There was no opposition or antagonism to overcome in the family. I never realized so fully before the value of seed sown in children's hearts, nor have I ever been so impressed with the opportunities and influence of the missionary teacher. Do not cease to pray for me as I try to gather these sheep into the fold.

Loretta C. Van Hook.

The Gospel of John on the "Otaru Maru."

A beautiful reminiscence is reported from the front in connection with the third blocking expedition to Port Arthur, which took place on May 3. After that exciting night, when the Japanese ships rode through a terrible hail of missiles and the water was continually heaving from the explosion of mines, the torpedo boats were deputed to rescue the survivors of the forlorn hope. One of the bodies then recovered was that of Warrant Officer Shikanosuke Kageyama, who had gone to almost certain death in the *Otaru Maru.* On opening his clothes, there was found in his breast pocket a booklet, soaked with water and blood. It was the Gospel of St. John. An officer well acquainted with the deceased states that the book had been given to Kageyama by a missionary. He had never parted with it, and had read it in times of peace as well as in war. He was naturally a gallant and patriotic sailor, but became more so on account of the admirable faith he derived from reading the invaluable work. According to his friend, he was a firm believer in the words of Christ, that those who believe shall not perish. He went to the deadly fight with this faith, and died peacefully with the book close to his bosom.—*The Japan Times.*

A Native Evangelist in Persian Villages.

(Sent from Tabriz by Dr. Mary Bradford.)

They invited me to a yard where thirty women had come together, and I spoke to them. Many were very poor. One brought an egg to pay for the medicine, but I gave to all. They wondered that we had mercy, but we said the goodness was not ours but from Jesus Christ. When they looked at the Psalms and New Testament they said, "These are not the Psalms of David, for they were drawn up to heaven." I asked, "How can you prove this?" and they answered, "We have heard it." I said to them: "Yesterday, when I was coming to your village, a man told me that here you had found a stone that turned everything to gold. Is it so?" They said, "Such a story started, but it was a lie." I answered, "This story you have heard about the New Testament is also a lie."

One praised Islam and said, "If our works are not good, yet our religion is." I asked, "If you had a field and, for all you worked, it yielded only thorns, would you say your field was better than all others?" I showed him the fruits of Christianity and he received the truth.

When we came to Einabad many blind and incurables came around, and they thought we could perform a miracle. A woman with dropsy came and they said, "Can you cure her by evening?" I told them a parable. "In the time of King Nushirvan a false prophet arose and the King sent for him. He said, 'If you are a prophet, command that a ripe watermelon shall be ready here.' But the prophet said: 'Who is greater, God or a prophet? Who is all-powerful, God or a prophet?' The King said, 'Certainly, God.' The prophet replied: 'Now it is spring, and in four months only will God make a perfect melon. How can you wish one from me in an hour?' That King is like the men of this village. If you brought many prophets they could not cure this woman before night, for Jesus only can command the sick to be well."

Shamesh Hacob Hastarud.

Points from Persia Reports.

A CROWDED HOSPITAL.

We had a busy winter and our hospital is full of patients, many of whom had serious operations. Most of the patients are poor and glad to be taken in and have care and food such as they could not have in their homes. Some, however, are from families of the rich or better class, who are willing to lay aside prejudice and come to a hospital only when they are assured of finding relief from their suffering. A woman was operated on to-day for cataract. When I went in a few minutes ago to tell her good-night, she rubbed my head and face with her hands and patted my shoulder, all the time moving her lips. She is not allowed to talk to-day, and the friend staying with her said she was praying for me. Other women want to come, but the rooms are all full. At this time of the year, attendance at the dispensary is always large and the waiting-room is a Babel as the women sit waiting for medicines. They are usually willing to listen to reading of the Word, but some soon tire of it and want to tell of their aches and pains and get away. They have so much sorrow that they often seem not able to think of anything else.

I wish you could see our garden now (April), it does look so fresh with trees and bushes just in leaf, and in a few days it will be even prettier, for roses will be in full bloom. This is the finest season of the year, before plants are covered with dust, parched and dry. We have to be thankful for our pleasant surroundings and so much to make us comfortable.—*Mary J. Smith, Teheran.*

THE MISSION HOSPITAL, TEHERAN, PERSIA.

A SUMMER TRIP.

Mrs. Van Hook and I came together to Khanigu in the mountains to spend the summer. We came by easy stages, stopping for Sabbath rest at a village by the way. At the different stopping places we spoke to about 150 women. I gave away to readers one Testament, two hymn-books and one Gospel of Luke. Besides these, a sixteen-year-old youth bought one Testament and hymn-book. How triumphantly he hugged his books that he had bought with his own money, and ran rejoicing to his home! May God's blessing rest on the reading of those books left in those villages. A young Armenian friend made me frequent visits last summer. He said that the means of his conversion was the reading of translation of the *Life of Gladstone.—Mary Jewett, Tabriz.*

WELCOME FROM KURDS.

During six days we visited fourteen villages and several camps of Kurdish Black Tenters. In every place our message was kindly received. Our welcome was made substantial by presents of fruit, eggs and bread. In several places our host expressed unwillingness to allow us to leave his roof so soon.—(*Mrs. E. T.*) *Jessie Wilson Lawrence, Kazvin.*

A WOMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

It is now over twenty years since these women's meetings first began. Surely there has been great progress. In the village of Geogtapa they have had these two years a Woman's Aid Society. They work for the poor of their own church and have done for some others. The Woman's Club, here in the city, has met quite regularly this last winter. In nearly all our larger villages the women are not only feeling the responsibility, but a strong desire to do more for the people about them.—*N. Jennie Dean, Urumia.*

ENLARGED QUARTERS.

We have begun to increase the capacity of the school by fitting up a building in the yard. Our church here is entirely too small for the congregation, and a few weeks ago at a communion service people were sent away owing to lack of space.—*Mary E. Lewis, Urumia.*

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.

The spiritual condition of the Moslem woman who grasps the thought of a Saviour without accepting Him as her Saviour is pitiable. I shall not soon forget one woman who seemed to hang on my words day after day, her face lighting up with hope, only to be clouded again with despair as she insisted, "It is not for us, not for us. It is too good to be true."—*Lillie D. Beaber, Tabriz.*

WOMEN READING THE BIBLE.

Four weeks were spent on a medical and evangelistic tour. At one place I found a little group of women reading the Bible. They said they were ostracized for it, but they would rather do without neighbors than give up the Book.—*Mary E. Bradford, Tabriz.*

YOUNG MEN SEEKING CHRIST.

This year we had the great joy of knowing of conversions and meeting genuine inquirers among Moslems. The young men, however, have the idea of going to other lands, where they can become Christians openly without the fear of death. To one of these an older Christian said, "If you and I and every one who finds Christ leaves Persia, who is going to tell our own people about Him and win them to His side?"—*G. Y. Holliday, Tabriz.*

MANY OPPORTUNITIES.

Our meeting-houses are often full to overflowing, Turks and Armenians are friendly, and the missionaries are all busy improving these opportunities.—(*Mrs. J. N.*) *Mary L. Wright, Tabriz.*

OUR PUPILS "LOVE EVERYBODY."

I am delighted to find that, in the villages, our pupils may be picked out by their neater appearance and happier faces. Twice since my return it was granted me to hear that the girls from our school differ from others by "loving everybody."—*Cora Bartlett, Tabriz.*

HOSPITALITY.

We sought opportunity to do good by the wayside, making and receiving calls from Persian, Armenian and Jew, and by entertaining young men of the school we showed a friendly interest in their lives.—(*Mrs. C. A.*) *Eva B. Douglass, Teheran.*

A FAD FOR MUSIC.

Reports can give very little idea of the married woman's part in mission work. Making a home, constant entertaining and returning of calls, take much time. The music at the opening exercises of the Boys' School, a daily Bible class, eight music lessons a week, has been my share in teaching this year. Music is becoming a "fad" in Teheran. I have had many requests to give music lessons, and am sorry to be obliged to refuse, because of the entry it would give into Persian homes.—(*Mrs. S. M.*) *Mary P. Jordan, Teheran.*

A HELPFUL TEACHER.

One teacher deserves special mention, Surpoohi, an Armenian, who has a class of some twenty Persian girls. She manifests a missionary spirit and feels that God has committed that class to her, and her interest in them has told, for many made remarkable progress.—*Sue S. Leinbach, Hamadan.*

STRENGTHENED BY HOME PRAYERS.

We are going out on our trip in the confidence that we have a great power behind us, even the prayers of those at home. It is our aim so to preach the gospel to every man and woman in every village we visit that they may understand the Way of Salvation and have the chance to accept it.—(*Mrs. F. M.*) *Blanche Wilson Stead, Hamadan.*

"EVERY DAY BRINGS A SHIP.
EVERY SHIP BRINGS A WORD."

PERSIA.

MRS. B. W. LABAREE wrote from URUMIA, April 30:

I want to thank all the loving, sympathizing friends with all my heart for their untiring prayers on our behalf. If ever people needed to be prayed for, we do at this time, and God is answering those prayers. When strength and courage seem to fail utterly, He always has some new and wonderful supply waiting for me. Physically, as well as spiritually, the most wonderful help has been granted. I have received six hundred and seventy calls in these seven weeks. It is wonderful

THE WEALTH OF LOVE AND SYMPATHY

that is poured out upon us from every class in the community,—Syrians, Armenians, Moslems, Englishmen, Germans, Russians, French, Turks and Jews. It has been a great comfort to know how dearly Mr. Labaree was loved by every one, and how all share our sorrow. Never before have Father Labaree and I had such an opportunity for missionary work as during these weeks, when all listen respectfully and sympathetically as we tell of Christ's never failing help and the comfort we find in God's Word. Perhaps we human beings would not choose just this time, when our hearts are torn afresh by each allusion to our sorrow, for doing such missionary work, but we have given ourselves to the Lord's service, for whatever use He may appoint, and we thank Him for being willing to use even our sorrows. It is my purpose and earnest wish to stay right on here in the work I love, and which is dearer than ever since it has been sealed with my husband's blood.

Dear Father Labaree has been made so happy by the offering of his second son to come and take his brother's place. All the Station and the Native friends are very much touched and pleased at the thought of having Mr. Robert Labaree come out, and we believe that his coming will be of great blessing.

MRS. W. S. VANNEMAN wrote from TABRIZ, March 12:

Never was there a more patient, kind and lovable man than Mr. Labaree. During my sojourn in Urumia last year, I noticed the very patient way he had with the people in his relation of station treasurer, that most trying position. And last summer on our journey from Urumia, with Mrs. Labaree so ill, two children of his own, myself and three small children, several Syrian women who asked to join our caravan, and servants, with all the work, anxiety and responsibility of such a journey in the hot summer,—I never heard one impatient or unkind word from him. He never seemed to think of himself, and was always, not only ready, but on the lookout, to see how he could make us all more comfortable, or how he could entertain us. He always saw the amusing side of our journey experiences, and laughed when we knew his heart was heavy with anxiety and care. Our mission has lost

A RARE WORKER,

whose place will be hard to fill. He was so quiet, so unostentatious, but he accomplished a marvelous amount of work,—nothing was too hard, not even traveling in the Kurdish mountains in times of famine, when he had to often go hungry himself during those months that he might give help to the poor starving mountaineers. No wonder the people loved him, and that he was able to do so much personal work in his study while at the same time he was administering the financial affairs of the station. His loss will be felt most keenly not only by the members of the mission, but by a host of native friends far and near.

MRS. HENRY C. SCHULER wrote from RESHT, May 30:

Sir Mortimer Durand, the newly appointed British Minister to the United States, was a never failing comfort and strength to us in

Teheran. He and Lady Durand were always on the side of truth and honor and God.

I cannot tell you half the beautiful things these two noble people did, nor how Lady Durand made sheets and pillow-cases for our hospital and

MANY GARMENTS FOR THE SICK.

I recall an amusing encounter. One spring morning Miss Bartlett and I were off for a stay in a village, seated gypsy fashion on our boxes and bundles, which were heaped up on an enormous Russian *fourgon*. Miss Bartlett held our only lamp, while I grasped a beloved coffee-pot and a bag filled with medical supplies. Suddenly, out of the gate appeared

A BRILLIANT ARRAY OF ATTACHÉS,

servants and attendants, with Sir Mortimer Durand at their head. I leaned down from my perch under the canvas cover and said, "Good morning, Sir Mortimer!" A look of great surprise was followed by one of intense amusement quickly suppressed and he gravely bowed his response, while the dignified American missionaries appreciated the situation to the utmost.

We are well; our little school of twelve pupils is prospering. Our meetings and services and calls, and many other things, fill up the days. We hope to make a tour in vacation time. Pray for us. We two are the only missionaries for these 2,000,000 people.

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June 24.

We are looking for the appearance of cholera in Resht. This morning I had a letter of instructions from Dr. Wishard in Teheran, and some prescriptions in case of need. We are without a doctor, but during all the sickness and ailments of the past month God has been indeed good and the medicines used have been blessed by Him; so that now we are all well, though tired by the duties of the past school year. We have not been out of Resht since we entered it in 1902, except for a little evangelistic tour last April a year ago, and two days in Enzeli this April.

BURMA, LAOS MISSION.

MRS. W. C. DODD wrote from CHIENG TUNG, Burma, April 26:

Here we are, after years of prayer and effort, after five months and a half of travel, safely anchored in our desired haven. We arrived twelve days ago, and our houses are to be finished in six weeks. They will be such as the temporary buildings which are put up for British officers at the cantonment. We were hospitably invited to live at the residence of

THE BRITISH CIVIL OFFICIAL,

until we can get buildings for ourselves, and we most gratefully took possession of the house. A number of those who knew us when we were here six years ago have welcomed us with apparent pleasure.

We had been here only two days when their big market day occurred. Our helpers went over and disposed of over a hundred books and talked till they were dizzy and hoarse to

CROWDS OF INTERESTED LISTENERS.

There is said to be some opposition to Christianity on the part of the local Laos officials, but personally they are friendly to us. There are already two families of inquirers.

On arrival in Chieng Mai, we found a Chinese caravan of sixty mules waiting to carry our goods, and forty men soon arrived from Chieng Rai to carry furniture and breakables. We made our overland journey mounted on ponies, excepting Mrs. Cornell and the two babies, who were carried by men. Ten days of slow travel brought us to Chieng Rai, including a Sabbath spent with Christians at the half-way station, Pa Pow. At Chieng Rai they gave us a royal welcome.

[The account is omitted, having been given in Mrs. Briggs' letter in August.—ED.]

One evening on the way up, an earthquake shook the house where we were stopping. Here on the Chieng Tung plain its effects are visible. The mountains to the west show great landslides, laying bare the white chalk cliffs in a dozen places. Walls of monasteries in the city were injured and some idols were broken. Literally the foundations of Buddhism have been shaken, with the coming of the Lord of the whole earth. . . The last day of our journey we came into the city in the afternoon and the doors of the chief official's house were thrown wide open to receive us. Pray that our coming may mean a great awakening to the people.

PHILIPPINES.

MRS. A. A. PIETERS, appointed in 1902, wrote from DUMAGUETE, April 26:

That letter page is a great help to us, a link between friends at home and fellow-workers in other fields. Doubtless you know we were transferred from Cebu to Dumaguete a year ago, to teach in the Silliman Institute. The school work has given us a busy year, beginning the 1st of June and closing February 27. I find teaching these brown boys attractive work, and enjoy watching intelligence grow in their faces as they learn about things which are new to their lives. We were well satisfied with their work. Not one failed in

the commencement programme. They sang and spoke well. The room was crowded with the best people of Dumaguete.

THE GOVERNOR WAS PRESENT.

He has always been favorable to the school and has used his influence to bring us pupils. All the American teachers of the province were in town for the session of the Normal School, and most of them attended. A certain judge was also here. He had come prejudiced against Protestant missions for the Philippines, as he had frankly told the Municipal Treasurer, Major Peed, who has been very helpful to us The judge learned about our school from the Filipinos, met our missionaries, and attended the closing exercises and church services. He was fair enough to say he had changed his mind since seeing the work done here. He "felt convinced that the friendly feeling toward the Americans throughout the province was largely due to Silliman Institute." We are able, through Christ, to convince and command the respect of men who are opposed to missions. If the school is equipped with books, teachers and buildings, its influence will be felt throughout these islands. Those who talk with us about Silliman are strongly in favor of our having an

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

It takes time and investigation to establish industries to meet the needs of the people, without too great an outlay of money. We have as yet only a printing press. Students assist the printer and learn as they can. We have considered tailoring and shoemaking. We are much pleased to learn that the Board has appointed Mr. Gluntz of Manila to take charge of this department. He has been General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Presbyterian elder, an able young man with practical training.

The Board hopes to provide three mission houses soon; then, with a new fence around the campus to keep off the animals, we can beautify the grounds with trees and flowers.

Although but few of our boys have become Protestants, we feel that when we can have these young people under our daily influence, they will in time become strong Christians. We earnestly hope and pray for this. Seventy were regular in attendance.

FIFTEEN WERE BAPTIZED.

The majority of them are sons of the best families of the province, and a few come from the neighboring islands. Those well enough advanced in English are in daily Bible classes. We were gratified when a number asked for Bibles to take home to study during vacation.

BRAZIL.

Mrs. J. C. Kolb wrote from Florianapolis:

We have been here about a year and a half. Our services are well attended; we seldom meet for worship without seeing new faces. Many are seeking the Bread of Life, many, too, are rejoicing in having found this new life.

OUR WOMEN'S SOCIETY

celebrated its first anniversary on January 30. It is increasing rapidly. We were honored with a speech from Sir Alfred Edwards Neves, telling of his imprisonment for refusing to attend mass and of his further banishment from his home. Our society is paying for seven children in the school. Some of the members are now able to lead the meeting. I have some of them in a Sabbath-school class and their progress is marvelous. They are learning to prepare the lessons. Until they came to our services they knew nothing about the Bible. They have to be trained like little children, but all the classes are most interesting.

Miss Mary P. Dascomb wrote from Curityba, July 1:

Please thank for me, through Woman's Work, the unknown benevolent beings who have sent me stacks of pretty chromos. Too modest by far; no name; from New York City.

GUATEMALA.

Mrs. A. B. Allison (appointed in 1903) wrote from Guatemala City, May 31:

Another month of blessed opportunity! The work grows each day, and we ask those who are praying for deepening interest here to ask also for more laborers. It is

CRUEL TO AWAKEN INTEREST

without being able to satisfy it. The mothers are asking for one meeting a week of their own for Bible study, and another in which to learn abont home-making. If I could do the visiting that ought to be done, our Sunday-school would overflow before long. It is pitiful to see young girls led into sin simply because there is no one to protect them.

Last night we saw throngs of men, women and children on their knees before the Virgin. They are taught that Mary is the only hope of sinners. Their confidence is in rites and images, saints and men, not the Saviour.

Dear co-workers, I beseech you to

HAVE AN ANWER READY

for those who see no necessity for sending the gospel to Roman Catholic countries. We are sure that one reason this country has been neglected is because the home Church has not been furnished with direct information to keep burning the fires of Christian zeal and

interest. Since we know the awful need of these poor, neglected people, we are glad we were sent where the workers are so few.

CHINA.

MRS. GEO. FITCH wrote from SHANGHAI, June 24:

It was a very rainy afternoon, and I went down to my woman's weekly class thinking I would not be disappointed if the number in attendance was fewer than usual. I found quite a goodly company, however, and others joined us during the singing of the opening hymns. One of these later arrivals was Mrs. Le, the mother of seven children and a very busy, hard working woman. She is faithful in attending church services and brings her children with her, but is not a regular attendant at Thursday Bible class. After service, the women tarried a little as they always do, and I noticed Mrs. Le and another woman talking and laughing together. Finally Mrs. Le came up and, pointing to her friend, laughed again and said, "She told me there was going to be a collection taken to-day, and so I brought my money and came.

I NEVER WANT TO MISS A MEETING WHEN A COLLECTION IS TAKEN."

Dear, dear woman! I thought I would pass on her remark.

MRS. W. T. LOCKE wrote from SIANGTAN, Hunan, March 22:

I am very happy to be back in China. So far we find this a delightful climate. Our health has been better than it was at home. Now that my household is running smoothly, I study about two hours a day. It is a great temptation to study longer, as I am very fond of the Chinese language.

I have been giving instruction in singing in the school, and I expect to visit among the women, and probably take a women's class. I think this is the work most needed. The women are the

MOST FAITHFUL IDOLATORS

of China. Upon going to housekeeping I prayed that God would send us as servants those not only capable for housework, but such as He had chosen for His followers. Two at least now understand the truth. I ask you to join me in prayer that these may be a sort of first fruits. If we have the testimony of our servants, we have a strong chance of convincing the outer world.

Most especially do I desire your prayers. As I was leaving home, a lady asked me to let her know if ever she could do anything for me. I said, "If you will only pray for me, I can ask nothing more." Baby organs and typewriters are dispensable, but prayer is not, and missionaries are more in need of it than you at home.

JAPAN.

MISS LUCY E. MAYO wrote from KANAZAWA, June 30:

Several Kanazawa men were on transports which went down, so it was brought home very vividly to the minds of the people how soon death may await the soldiers now leaving. This morning as the different companies marched to the station it was

A PATHETIC SIGHT

to see now and then an old father or mother, or a young wife with a baby strapped to her back, running along beside them, trying to keep up with some particular soldier as long as possible and perhaps have a good-by at the station. For the first time since I have been in Japan I have seen men and women freely walking and talking together.

The people of Kanazawa have always been exceedingly polite to us, but since the war began they have outdone themselves in return for America's sympathy.

A YOUNG CHRISTIAN OFFICER

in the army has been in to see us frequently. He told us that almost every common soldier has a little bagful of charms to ward off disease and the enemies' bullets. Some of these charms are little idols, but most of them are tiny wooden tablets, with Sanskrit characters. Mr. Fulton and a Japanese pastor received permission to preach to the soldiers. One of the two spoke of the foolishness of trusting to charms and urged them to trust in the living God. He told of a soldier who died recently because a bullet carried splinters from his little tablet into the flesh and caused blood poisoning. The men listened with startled, surprised looks. Afterwards we heard that some officers had made their men burn their charms. This shows how little weight Buddhism has with educated people, such as army officers. A few years ago they would not have dared to risk the wrath of the priests.

MRS. W. B. LANGSDORF (appointed in 1902) wrote from KARUIZAWA, July 28:

The language is very interesting, and the Japanese Bible is especially so to me. By taking my Japanese and English Testament I tried teaching some boys without an interpreter, and I thoroughly enjoyed them. They could understand a very little English, but were so eager to learn about Jesus that it made me long to tell them all at one time.

HOME DEPARTMENT

THE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AT LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, JUNE 30–JULY 1.

Warmer cordiality could not be shown than was extended by the Presbyterian women of Liverpool to those of the International Union who met for the recent Conference in that city. As was stated in the opening address of the President, Mrs. Thomas Bell of London, the object and scope of the Conference was for discussion, not legislation; for a broader knowledge of what is being done by all Presbyterian women, whether at home or on the field, or, as one missionary said, "It was a union of women who love, in the service of women who suffer." The words of welcome by Mrs. Hannay of Liverpool voiced the general feeling of those present,—"Wherever there are those who love Christ, we cannot fail to find friends; union in Him is more than ties of nationality or kindred." This Conference was one more illustration of the truth that we are "all one in Him."

Representatives from the various societies brought words of greeting, dwelling upon "Present Encouragements" in the work. Over and over again was expressed thankfulness that there were no more closed doors—that the doors in China had been reopened. There was also deep gratitude for progress along lines of industrial work, for more women in the societies, more missionaries, more money. A missionary from Mukden called attention to the fact that within ten years the Manchurian Mission had three times been broken up by war, but that hitherto each interruption had been followed by a larger ingathering and greater opportunities. May we not hope that the present crisis will result in a more abundant harvest?

Miss Mathews of London, the International Secretary, reported that four societies had kept their Silver Jubilee since the Washington Conference in 1899. Reports of that Conference, "The Girdle Round the Earth," had been sent to the various societies of the Union.

An able paper on *Enthusiasm versus Inertia in the Lord's Work* was read by Mrs. Barron of Belfast. It could be plainly seen that Mrs. Barron knew nothing personally about inertia, or, as she defined it, *laziness*. Her plea for greater enthusiasm dwelt on the fact that it was really "love on fire," love that does not end in talk, but leads on to action. The blinding of the eyes to difficulties is an impulsive stimulant. The enthusiasm of the first one hundred and twenty disciples overcame great inertia. The Centenary of the Bible Society celebrated enthusiasm of the right kind lasting a hundred years. True enthusiasm is needed in all lines of work, on the field, at home, in the drudgery of statistics, as in the stimulus of work accomplished. In the discussion that followed, a missionary from India quoted an Indian proverb, "It is better that the pot should boil over than that it should not boil at all."

A paper by Mrs. David Burrell of New York upon *The Question of Finance from the Standpoint of the Contributor and the Treasurer* gave special emphasis to the arousing of interest for increase of gifts, the danger that desire for special objects should be carried to extremes, the need of common sense, for we should not expect the Lord to multiply the loaves and fishes if we give no loaves at all, and the blessing of systematic giving. The prayer of those at home should be that of one who afterwards gave himself to missions: "Lord, send whom Thou wilt, but help me to bear my share of the expenses."

The paper by Miss Ellen C. Parsons, entitled *Face to Face with Missions in Asia*, was warmly received.* A discussion on Girls' Auxiliaries, ably led by Miss Cowan of Edinburgh, brought out the fact of a new awakening among the young women's societies following a new effort to interest them in missions. Mission study classes are just beginning to take with the young women of Scotland. The American members present were appealed to for suggestions, having had more practical experience in this line. A definite scheme of Bible study

* The writer not being in Liverpool, her paper was read by Miss Mary Cochran of New York.

in connection with the missionary meeting is also attempted.

Among the addresses by missionaries, Dr. McKellar of the Canadian Mission in Central India spoke of the blessings that are already coming to India as a result of the famine, for in one orphanage alone one hundred children had recently been baptized. The illustration of a child who exclaimed on seeing the ocean for the first time, "How nice it is to see enough of something!" pathetically showed the poverty and suffering of India's children. One of the strongest missionary addresses was Dr. Alice Condict's plea for the medical school for women in the Punjab, the only Christian medical school for all India. She had with her Chundrabai, one of Pundita Ramabai's widows, who is going to Philadelphia to study medicine, as she cannot receive a full degree in India. It is her hope to become a teacher in the Punjab school after completing her course.

Mrs. David Burrell of New York was elected President of the Union until the close of the Conference of 1909, which is to be held in New York, Miss Mathews continuing in her office as Secretary.

The women who attended the Conference, together with the delegates of the Pan-Presbyterian Council, were most hospitably entertained at a garden party given by Mr. and Mrs. Watson Rutherford on July 1. They were also able to attend the very interesting meetings of the Council, and to enjoy the stirring addresses of such men as Dr. John Watson (Ian Maclaren), Dr. James Stalker, Dr. R. G. Balfour, Dr. Henry Van Dyke, President J. D. Moffat and many other prominent Presbyterians.

The Conference as a whole was stimulating and broadening in its effect, helpful in its discussions of methods, resulting in a deeper knowledge of the work and the workers.

Mary Cochran.

CHINA FOR JUNIORS.

Is there a Band or Junior Endeavor leader who has not yet used this little book? If so, let her get a copy at once from the headquarters of her Board. It is fresh as a sunny field; it has the atmosphere of wholesome childhood. There is food for eager minds; a sympathetic touch that links in brotherhood our boys and girls to those across the sea; and a loyal love for the Master that is a bugle call to service. The pictures are winning, the hymns alone will prove a treasure to any leader, the quotations, questions, programmes, suggestions and puzzle sketches are admirable. *A.*

Eventide.

To-night I'm tired, Master; for rest I turn to Thee;
Turn to Thee for quiet, let me Thy presence see.
Thy world is full of beauty; the tasks Thy hand hath set
Have every one their meaning; I love them all, and yet
I turn from these to seek Thee. Do Thou Thy spirit give;
Thy love and peace will rest me; in Thee my soul doth live.

L. B. A.

SUGGESTION CORNER.

From Germantown, Pa.:

"When we met our presbyterial missionary it was suggested that we gather a few articles for her to use in her work. This was our first box, ten years ago, and contained work-bags, scrap-books, pictures and dolls. Now we yearly ship three good Christmas boxes. Last year nineteen churches sent their offerings to the box secretary. She acknowledges each package, and devotes one day to opening, sorting, making lists; then she buys things to supply deficiencies, for some contribute money. When letters are received describing the box arrivals they are copied and forwarded to all societies that sent gifts. This proves they reached they destination, and serves as a reminder of 'next.' The children who worked are encouraged to go on. We study actual needs and do not send trash. I think we love our missionaries more because we bear them so much in mind in this way."

From Bozeman, Mont.:

"'There is a tide . . which taken at the flood leads on to fortune.' This would seem equally applicable to our missionary society in its recent experiment. Each woman invested five cents. One saw untold possibilities in eggs. Popcorn suggested an El Dorado to another, and for months no festivity could convene without falling prey to this dame and her bags. Result, $3.50. Skillful fingers converted a spool of cotton into lace. A member whose maid left her bought a crash towel, plunged among pots and pans,—$10 was saved. Our president raised flowers for market. Our minister's wife made $13 from sweeping caps. 'I sold,' said one, 'what would otherwise have been thrown away, and made $2.50.' Cake, candy, fishnets, did their part, but enough to say that the flood has led us, if not to fortune, to $90.80."

Holding the Ropes; Missionary Methods for Workers at Home. By Belle M. Brain. (Funk & Wagnalls Company.) Pp. 224; $1 net.

This book of suggestions, composed of papers originally prepared for *The Missionary Review of the World*, is a mine of wealth for leaders. The chapters treat of the place of the Bible, prayer and music in the missionary meeting, individual interest, home training, missions in the Sunday-school, the missionary library, study class, the money problem and practical work. Every paragraph has definite value. Two chapters collate quotations from statesmen and master missionaries. *A.*

SINCE LAST MONTH.

Arrivals:

Aug. 12.—At New York, Miss Bernice Hunting, from Tripoli, Syria. Address, Marshall, Mich.

Aug. 18.—At San Francisco, Rev. David Thompson, D.D., Mrs. Thompson and two daughters, from Tokyo, Japan. Address, Wooster, Ohio

At San Francisco, Dr. Mary L. Burnham, from Chinanfu, China. Address, Ellsworth, Maine.

Sept. 4.—At New York, Mrs. H M. Andrews, from Woodstock, India. Address, Wilmot Flat, N. H.

Sept. 5.—At New York, Rev. H. M. Landis, from Tokyo, Japan. Address, 5319 Wakefield St., Phila., Pa.

Departures:

Aug. 17.—From New York, Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Fleming, to join the Punjab Mission, India

Aug. 18 —From San Francisco, Chas. H. Crooks, M.D., and Mrs. Crooks, to join the Laos Mission.
Miss Mabel Gilson, to join the Siam Mission.
Chas. C. Walker, M.D., and Mrs. Walker, to join the Siam Mission.
Miss Emma A. Hicks, to join the Hunan Mission.
Miss Elizabeth P. Milliken, returning to Tokyo, Japan.
Rev. and Mrs. Arthur P. Vaughn, to join the East Japan Mission.
Miss Alice Maud Monk, to join the East Japan Mission.
Miss Lila S. Halsey, to join the West Japan Mission.
Mrs J. E. Adams and children, returning to Taiku, Korea.
Miss Elizabeth Carson, to join the Korea Mission.
Rev. George E. Partch, to join the Central China Mission.

Aug. 27.—From New York, Miss Jessie Scott, returning to Bogotá, Colombia, S. A.
Rev. and Mrs. Roy W. Walker, to join the Colombia Mission, S. A.
Miss Mary O. Freeman, to join the Colombia Mission, S. A.

Sept 3.—From Philadelphia, Rev Robt. H. Nassau, D D., returning to Batanga, Africa

Sept. 6.—From New York, Mrs. J. L. Potter and daughter, returning to Teheran, Persia.
Miss Charlotte G Montgomery, returning to Hamadan, Persia.
Miss Mary L. Fleming, to join the Urumia Station, Persia.
Rev. Robert McEwen Labaree, to join the Urumia Station, Persia.
Rev. R. Thackwell, D.D., and Mrs. Thackwell, returning to Lahore, India.
Miss Jane E. Cody, to join the Furrukhabad Mission.

Sept. 14.—From New York, Rev. and Mrs. Fred'k G. Coan and two children, returning to Urumia, Persia.
Rev. Henry Arthur Kernan, to join the West India Mission.

Marriages:

July 2.—At Ichowfu, China, Miss Mabel F. Hall to Rev. Thomas N. Thompson, both of Ichowfu.

July 6.—At Seoul, Korea, Miss Susan A. Doty to Rev. F S. Miller, both of Seoul.

Aug. 30.—At Coxsackie, N. Y., Miss Grace Burroughs to Rev. Wm. Arnot Mather of Paotingfu, China.

Resignations:

Rev. and Mrs. George C. Bruce, Canton Mission. Appointed 1902.
Rev. C. L. Mackay, Laos Mission. Appointed 1903.

TO THE AUXILIARIES.

[FOR ADDRESS OF EACH HEADQUARTERS AND LIST OF OFFICERS SEE THIRD PAGE OF COVER.]

From Philadelphia.

Send all letters to 501 Witherspoon Building. Directors' meeting first Tuesday of month at 10.30 o'clock. Prayer-meeting the third Tuesday at 11 o'clock. Visitors welcome at both meetings.

October. Prayer Union.—*Our Publications.*

AT our first directors' meeting of the season, October 4, shall we not have a full gathering of our workers, that we may all get in touch with the various departments of our large society as the fall campaign opens before us? There, also, will be opportunity to give hearty welcome to our new president after her long journeys over the face of our beautiful country. Much inspiration comes from personal contact.

THE prayer-meeting October 18 will be led by Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Patterson.

IF any errors in our Annual Report have been discovered during the summer study of it, please promptly report them to our office, with careful corrections of the same.

OUR TREASURY.—At the date of this writing, September 1, the good report of the preceding months continues, and we stand about $700 in advance of same date last year in gifts from regular sources. A missionary of another Board, returning to the homeland after fifty years of service, says that the one thing impressing her most here at home is that giving for missions has become more general, but that *individual gifts are smaller.* This increased number of givers needs the spirit of sacrifice for missions, the spirit which is the result of conscientious comparison between personal expenditures and gifts to the Lord's work.

Dux Christus, an Outline Study of Japan, by Rev. W. E. Griffis, D.D., is now on our shelves. Price, in paper, 30 cts.; in cloth, 50 cts. The study of Japan at this date is most opportune and will receive favor in clubs and societies everywhere. Dr. Griffis' other books in themselves form an unsurpassed reference library. They are *The Mikado's Empire, The Religions of Japan, Japan in Folk-Lore and Art, A Maker of the New Orient, Townsend Harris, the First American Envoy to Japan.* Dr. Griffis has prepared also a leaflet for leaders, *How to Use Dux Christus in Missionary Meetings,* which contains a list of twenty reference books. These books, this leaflet, the set of pictures and the wall map (15 cts.) well equip a study class. In addition, Dr. Sailer will have his set of Helps as last season, while WOMAN'S WORK will continue its valuable suggestions.

DR. HALSEY'S *Vacation Bulletin No. 6* should be well distributed in all our churches.

NEW LEAFLETS: *Osom and Biwola, a Story of Africa;* price, 2 cts. *Pros and Cons of Foreign Missions;* price, 3 cts. *The Year Book of Prayer, 1905,* 10 cts.; *The Thanksgiving Meeting,* by Mrs. Turner; free; send postage.

FOR PERSIA: *Flash Lights,* 3 cts.; *Historical Sketch,* 10 cts.; *Question Book,* 5 cts.; *Illustrated Programmes,* 5 cts. per doz.; *Home Life,* 2 cts.; *Hospitals,* 3 cts.; *Schools and Colleges,* 3 cts.; *Selby of Marbeshoo,* 1 ct.; *Daughters of Iran,* 2 cts.

From Chicago.

Meetings at Room 48, Le Moyne Block, 40 E. Randolph Street, every Friday at 10 A. M. Visitors welcome.

THIS is the month for most of the synodical meetings, the time when plans are laid for the winter's work. Let those who may not be present ask that those in attendance may be given wisdom in all of their deliberations that the advancement of the Kingdom may be the first thought. Many presbyterial societies have fall meetings also. Include these in the prayers, and especially pray for those who speak at these meetings, that they may be given the right words.

THE chairman of our Candidate Committee tells us that many applications are coming in. Many, very many, new missionaries are needed, not only to take the places of those coming home, but to open new work. We copy from the *Woman's Missionary Friend* a little as to qualifications: "Three 'I's' are wanted with missionary candidates, Intellect, Industry, Integrity; three 'C's,' Consecration, Cheerfulness and Contentment; three 'T's,' Training, Testing and Toleration." These, with good health, will make the best of missionaries. With her last gift, one who gives freely wrote: "I wish I knew what to say or do to arouse a genuine love of missions, a true missionary spirit, in the members of our society. If we could realize what the cross of Christ stands for, and yield to its attractive power, we would be *eager* to do, counting no gift a sacrifice, but a blessed privilege."

WE discover that by an insertion of figures in a blank space for our last Annual Report there were some errors and a new society omitted entirely. In the tabulated report of Lake Superior, the C. E. Society of Escanaba was credited as giving $4 when it had given nothing; that amount was given by the W. M. S. of Ford River. Gladstone, a new society, taking two copies of WOMAN'S WORK and having seventeen members, gave the $10 credited to Ford River.

FOR this month we have the *Historical Sketch,* 10 cts.; *Questions and Answers,* 5 cts.; *Schools and Colleges,* 4 cts.; *Hospitals,* 3 cts.; *Dr. Asahel Grant, The Daughters of Iran, Home Life,* each 2 cts.; *The Bride's Outfit, The Story of Selby of Marbeeshoo,* each 1 ct.; *Twenty-five Years in Persia, '71 to '96, Mary Jewett,* 15 cts.; the annals, *Rev. Justin Perkins, D.D.,* and *Woman and the Gospel in Persia,* each, 18 cts. paper or 30 cts. cloth binding.

THE fourth volume of the United Study, *Dux Christus,* is ready for distribution (paper, 30 cts.; cloth, 50 cts.); also the colored maps (size 15 by 18 inches), 15 cts.; set of pictures, 25 cts.; leaflet, *How to Use Dux Christus,* 2 cts. each, 10 cts. per doz., are all on hand now.

We have also the entire edition of Dr. Wanless' *Facts on Foreign Missions* and *Value and Success of Medical Missions,* each 5 cts., as well as the leaflet, *I Do Not Believe in Foreign Missions,* 2 cts.

Address Miss S. B. Stebbins, Room 48, 40 East Randolph St., Chicago, Ill.

From New York.

Prayer-meeting at 156 Fifth Ave., cor. 20th St., the first Wednesday of each month, at 10.30 A. M. Each other Wednesday there is a half-hour meeting for prayer and reading of missionary letters, commencing at same hour.

PRESBYTERIAL treasurers will remember that the summer offering must reach New York before November 1. It may be well to remind the Auxiliaries to send their contributions promptly.

MRS. A. O. KIRKWOOD, the mother of Miss H. B. Kirkwood, our missionary at Pyeng Yang, would be glad to correspond with the Young Women's Societies interested in Miss Kirkwood's support. She may be addressed at 156 Fifth Ave., Room 818.

THE Special Object Secretary asks all societies who desire a missionary of their own to communicate with her as soon as possible.

ST. LAWRENCE PRESBYTERY is regretting the loss of their missionary, Mrs. J. G. Gilbertson. As Prof. Gilbertson has accepted an office under the Government, Mrs. Gilbertson will not be able to continue her work under our Board.

WE would repeat the request for a typewriter, needed by a missionary in China. Please communicate with the Special Object Secretary.

LEAFLETS for Persia meetings: *Question Book*, 5 cts.; *Map, Illustrated Programme, Selby of Marbeeshoo*, each 1 ct.; *Home Life, Daughters of Iran, Dr. Asahel Grant*, each 2 cts.; *Flash Lights, Medical Work*, each 3 cts.; *Schools and Colleges*, 4 cts.; *Historical Sketch*, 10 cts.

Dux Christus, 30 cts paper, 50 cts. cloth; twenty-four pictures illustrating the outline study of Japan, 25 cts.; *Year Book of Prayer for 1904*, 10 cts.; *China for Juniors*, 10 cts.

Japan for Juniors is in preparation. Further notice of it will be given next month.

From Northern New York.

THE Semi-Annual Meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Society of Northern New York will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Hudson, N. Y., October 12, 1904. The session will open with a devotional service at 10 A. M. There will be a missionary address in the morning, together with brief reports from the secretaries, and missionary addresses in the afternoon. We hope to have with us Dr. Mary P. Eddy of Syria, the Rev. W. H. Lingle of Siangtan, Hunan, China, and W. J. Swart, M.D., of Nakawn, Siam.

Delegates unable to make train connections, who desire entertainment over night, will please notify Mrs. John W. Gillette, Hudson, N. Y., not later than October 7.

Luncheon will be served by the ladies of the church to all delegates in attendance.

Further notice of the meeting will be sent to all the societies. Any secretary failing to receive the notice by September 28 will please notify Miss G. A. Darling, 4 Nelson St., Auburn, N. Y.

SINCE the last magazine went to press we have received another welcome letter from Mrs. Silsby. We greatly appreciate these letters from our busy workers on the field, whose hands are so full that we often wonder where they find time for writing.

We all rejoice with Mrs. Silsby and her coworkers in the good news she sends, that the Spirit of God has been in their midst and thirty of their "dear school boys" have expressed a desire to be received into the church. Nearly all of these were received into the school since February. They have been examined by the Session and are to be taken into the church this fall. Most of them are from heathen homes. Mrs. Silsby earnestly requests our prayers for these boys, many of whom will be subject to persecution in their homes, and also for the four or five boys who have not yet given their hearts to the Lord. Surely this good news will be the occasion for thanksgiving and praise at all our meetings this month.

Copies of this letter were immediately sent to those specially interested in Mrs. Silsby's work. Other societies can obtain it by writing to Miss Sarah Freeman, 54 Second St., Troy, N. Y.

From St. Louis.

Meetings the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Room 21, 1516 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo. Missionary literature for sale at the above number. Visitors always cordially welcome.

ON Monday, August 29, Mrs. John A. Allen passed to a well earned rest. It is seldom that a life so profitably spent is rounded out and closed in so appropriate a manner, for Mrs. Allen was almost eighty years old, but, nevertheless, retained her strength of mind and body until near the close of her last illness.

It was fitting that her declining years should be crowned with honors and appreciation from the women of her city and State, and with love from her family and devoted friendship from those who were permitted the privilege of close intimacy with her. Those who were associated with her in her public work could at all times and without compliment bear witness to her clear, shrewd judgment, her devotion to duty, her lofty integrity, her candor, her energy and her great ability. In the Board of the Southwest she held every office during her many years of active service, save that of president, and that dignity, also, would have been hers had not circumstances intervened to prevent her candidacy for the position.

Of all those who have gone from us over into the vast Beyond to their exceeding great reward, no one will be more missed than our esteemed and honored Special Object Secretary, Mrs. John A. Allen.

THE synodical meeting of Kansas takes place October 25, 26, 27, at Iola, in Neosho Presbytery. Mrs. Chas. F. Scott is chairman of the entertainment committee. The programme committee is planning for an inspiring meeting with earnest, enthusiastic speakers. We hope the people of Kansas will turn out in force, so that the hard work of the winter may receive vigorous initiative.

THE synodical meeting of Missouri will be held at Independence, in Kansas City Presbytery, October 26 and 27. It is impossible to

announce so far ahead (August 28) just what speakers are to be expected, but Dr. Brown of the Assembly's Board has been promised. It is proposed to send one or more officers of the Board from St. Louis. We ought to be able to look for great results from Kansas City Presbytery this year, as it has had both the annual and synodical meetings.

ST. LOUIS missionary women have enjoyed special privileges this summer, many societies having held their Philippine Island meetings at the World's Fair grounds, studying the surpassingly interesting exhibits made by the Government in behalf of the islands, special attention being devoted to the anthropological and educational displays. The Presbyterial Society held a meeting to study Alaska in its own building in August, with an attendance of more than two hundred, and two interesting speakers, one a native Alaskan Christian and teacher. It is proposed to study Japan and other mission lands in the same way. There was never a better preparation for a careful study of the World's Fair than the missionary society!

From San Francisco.

Public meeting at 10.30 A. M. and 1.15 P. M. at 920 Sacramento St., the first Monday of each month. All are invited. Executive Committee, third Monday.

AT this time many missionaries are leaving for the Orient and many others are returning on furlough. The *Doric*, one of our fine steamers, recently carried over twenty missionaries of our Board, besides those of other Boards. The new recruits were happy and hopeful, but not more so than those returning to the field. Many receptions were held in San Francisco and Oakland for these outgoing missionaries. One of them said just before sailing, "We are very tired now, but long after we have become rested the memory of all this will be such a pleasure."

E. A. STURGE, M.D., and Mrs. Sturge, in charge of the Japanese Mission in San Francisco, have returned from a four months' stay in Japan and are filled with admiration for the Japanese, their patriotism, courtesy and natural ability.

DR. CONDIT, so long in charge of the Chinese work here, has recovered from his recent dangerous illness. Mr. Laughlin, formerly of China, has entered upon the field left vacant by Dr. Condit and is winning his way to the hearts of the Chinese people.

FOUR Chinese girls were enticed to this country under promise of large wages at the World's Fair. Here they learned that they had been deceived. They are now at our Chinese Home as wards of the United States Government. Three of them are anxious to enter a mission school for protection on their return to China, lest they be brought here again to be sold.

THERE are more Japanese girls in the Home than ever before.

MISS CAMERON will spend several months in Scotland to rest, visiting the home of her forefathers. Miss Wheeler, with large experience in institutional work in San Francisco, has taken Miss Cameron's place during her absence.

BABY Bands are finding a warm place in our auxiliaries and presbyterial societies, and at last the church is beginning to train its children for foreign missions.

Rex Christus is receiving careful study in our auxiliaries and is the subject of earnest discussion. This series of books is filling a need long felt in our churches.

Occidental Board Reports are at 920 Sacramento St., ready for all who desire them, and will repay all readers.

THE Synod of California will meet on the third Thursday of October at Sacramento. The Woman's Occidental Board will hold a day's meeting there and present its report to the Synod.

From Portland, Oregon.

Meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the First Presbyterian Church. Visitors welcome.

THIS is the month for praise service, or the time to prepare for it.

WE are glad to announce that a traveling library consisting of the best and latest literature on mission work is now ready for the use of our societies. The library will be under the care of the Board. As yet it consists of only a limited number of sets of books, but it will be enlarged as rapidly as possible. Any individual or society wishing to assist in this work will please send money to Mrs. S. T. Lockwood, 371 East Eighth Street North. Great results are expected from this new feature in our work.

IT was a great pleasure to us to meet Mrs. C. N. Thorp, president of the Philadelphia Society, during her short visit to Portland. A delightful and profitable meeting was held in her honor at the home of Mrs. M. R. Andrews. Mrs. Thorp's genial presence, helpful words and practical methods of work were inspiring. As president of the Philadelphia Society she was especially welcome, as we have not forgotten the care and help extended to us in our work in years past by this mother Society, or the hesitancy and regret with which we launched out for ourselves. Such a meeting together of those who hold dear a common cause cannot but broaden and strengthen the work.

IN the last two months three missionaries under the care of this Board have sailed to the foreign field. J. Hunter Wells, M.D., and Mrs. Wells returned to their loved work in Korea. Miss Elizabeth Carrothers, having been assigned to work in Laos, started Aug. 18 on her long journey to that far-away country. She expects to reach her destination about Thanksgiving.

NEW SOCIETIES AND BANDS.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Fall River, Jr. C. E.

NEW YORK.

Afton, Jr. C. E.

Mexico, Do Good Band.
Rochester, Central Ch., Jr. C. E.
Smithville Flats, Jr. C. E.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church from Aug. 1, 1904.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.] * Thank Offering.

CINCINNATI.—Cincinnati, 1st, 6.25, Lights for Darkness, 6.25, C.E., 1; 2d, 50; 3d, C.E., 15; 6th, 5; 7th, 50; Avondale, 89.81; Knox, 3.35; Mohawk, 14.20, Miss'y Travelers, 3.71, King's Messengers, 4.09; Mt. Auburn, 48.30, Jr. Mission Bd., 1, C.E., 4.13; North, 5.20; Walnut Hills, 100, Humphrey Bd., 12; College Hill, 17.50, Little Missionaries, 1; Glendale, 10.68, Earnest Workers, 78 cts.; Home City, C.E., 12.50, C.E. Jr., 5; Lebanon, 3, C.E., 14.25; Linwood, 9; Montgomery, 2.65, C.E., 3; Norwood, 12; Pleasant Ridge, 10.59; Pleasant Run, 4; Venice, 9; Wyoming, 16.30, Y.L.S., 7.55; A Friend, 15, $573.12

CLARION.—Bethesda, 5; Brookville, Pansy Bd., 20; Callensburg, C.E. Jr., 10; Clarion, 10; Concord, 12.70; Du Bois, 20, Cheerful Workers, 5; East Brady, 14.50; Falls Creek, 19; Greenville, 6.50; Mt. Tabor, 15.75; Punxsutawney, 10.25; Pisgah, C.E., 30; Sugar Hill, 6, 184.70

CLEVELAND.—Cleveland, Woodland Ave., 25, Ladies' Benev. Soc., 25, King's Sons and Daughters, 15, 65.00

GRAFTON.—Kingwood, C.E., 7.00

HUNTINGDON.—Altoona, 1st, 35; Juniata, C.E. Jr., 12; Buffalo Run, C.E., 1.10; Clearfield, C.E. Jr., 15; Coalport, C.E., 5; Duncansville, W.W., 2; Houtzdale, C.E., 5; Lewistown, 80; Lower Tuscarora, C.E., 12.50; Mapleton, C.E., 3; Pine Grove, 18.15; Sinking Valley, 9.90; Spruce Creek, 165; Williamsburg, 18.25, 381.90

HURON.—Fostoria, 6.25; Huron, 14.65, C.E., 1.19; McCutcheonville, 3; Norwalk, 7.55; Sandusky, 9.69; Tiffin, 2.91, 45.24

JERSEY CITY.—Garfield, 4.50, C.E., 3, C.E. Int., 2, C.E. Jr., 1.50; Hackensack, 10, C.E., 6; Hoboken, 1st, Wood Violets, 10; Jersey City, 1st, 34.47, Y.L.S., 14; Westminster, C.E., 30; Leonia, 7.46; Newfoundland, 5; Passaic, 1st, 19, C.E. Jr., 15; Grace, C.E., 5; Paterson, 1st, 45; Redeemer, 13, Y.L. Aux., 7.50, A Friend, 10; Rutherford, 10.50; Tenafly, C.E., 6; West Hoboken, C.E., 3.25, 262.18

KINGSTON.—Chattanooga, 2d, 5.30, Y.L.S., 3.79, C.E. Jr., 7.05; Harriman, 1st, 21, Gleaners, 1.50; Huntsville, 1.25, 39.89

LACKAWANNA.—Carbondale, 1st, 15.00

MORRIS AND ORANGE.—Madison, C.E., 30.00

NEWARK.—Newark, High St., C.E. Jr., 15.00

NEWTON.—Belvidere, 1st, 27.25; Blairstown, 64; Branchville, C.E. Jr., 5.50; Hackettstown, 13; Oxford, 1st, C.E., 3.05; Stewartsville, 32.25; Stillwater, 7.85; Wantage, 1st, 2, 154.90

PITTSBURG AND ALLEG. COM.—Canonsburg, Central, C. E., 6.81; Pittsburg, Shady Side, 450, 456.81

REDSTONE.—Connellsville, C.E., 15.00

SHENANGO.—Wampum, C.E. Jr., 1.95

MISCELLANEOUS.—Cash, 29 cts.; Medical Fund, refunded, 75, 75.29

Total for August, 1904,	$2,322.98
Total since May 1, 1904,	25,814.72

(MISS) ELIZABETH H. ELDRIDGE, *Treas.*,
501 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest for the month ending August 20, 1904.

* Indicates gifts for objects outside of appropriations.

BLOOMINGTON.—Bloomington, 1st, 6.90; 2d, 82, Y.P.U., 13; Champaign, 200; Clinton, 100; Danville, 1st, 30; 2d, 5; El Paso, 3; Heyworth, C.E., 5; Homer, 6.25; Hoopeston, 35; Lexington, 7.70; Minonk, 2; Onarga, 20; Paxton, 10; Philo, 20; Pontiac, C.E., 10; Rankin, 3; Tolono, 6.70; Urbana, 5; Watseka, Jr. C.E., 5; Waynesville, 5, $580.55

BOISE.—Parma, C.E., 1.92

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Anamosa, 5; Atkins, 2; Cedar Rapids, 1st, 68; 2d, 15; Central Park, 4.10; Marion, 20; Scotch Grove, 2.50; Three Little Girls, 1.64; Wyoming, 2.70, 120.94

CENTRAL DAKOTA.—Miller, C.E., 3.18; White, C.E., 1.40, 4.58

CHICAGO.—Arlington Heights, C.E., 35; Chicago, Mrs. Wm. Borden, 1,500, Anon., 17.80; Austin, Faith Bennett Bd., 12; Bethany, ——, 3.80; Brighton Park, C.E., 1; Calvary, Dr. J. M. Snow, *15; Christ Ch., Inter. C.E., 5; Ch. of the Covenant, C.E., 10; 2d, Mrs. Helen M. Rockwell, Bequest, 434 16; 6th, 9; Endeavor Ch., 5; Englewood, 1st, C. E., 20; 52d Ave., 3; Hyde Pk., 58; Ravenswood, Mrs. W. H. Davis, *25; Evanston, 2d, 25; Highland Pk., 25, C.E., 31; Lake Forest, 242.50, Steady Streams, 111.25; North Chicago, South Waukegan Ch., 2; Peotone, 9.40; Waukegan, 13.80; Wilmington, Mrs. A. J. White, 50, 2,663.71

DETROIT.—Detroit, 1st, Bequest of Mrs. Martha C. T. Williams, 950.00

DENVER.—Denver, 23d Ave., 50.00

DUBUQUE.—Coggon, C.E., 1.75, Jr. C.E., *3.15; Farley, C. E., 25 cts.; Hopkinton, 3; Jesup, 1.03; Maynard, C.E., 5; Manchester, C.E., 1.25; Otterville, 1.74; Walker, 6, 23.17

DULUTH.—West Duluth, H. E. H., 10.00

HASTINGS.—Aurora, C.E., 3.25; Beaver City, 2; Hastings, 2.30; Holdredge, 4, C.E., 2; Superior, 1.20, 14.75

LOGANSPORT.—Metea, Bethlehem, C.E., 2.00

MADISON.—Bellcville, C.E., 6.04; Cambria, 6.75; Janesville, 8; Kilbourn, 3.50, 24.29

MATTOON.—Arcola, 6.50; Assumption, 2; Charleston, 8.35; Kansas, 6; Moweaqua, 1; Neoga, 6.95; Paris, 10; Pana, 12; Tuscola, 6.70; Tower Hill, 2.32; Vandalia, 14, 75.82

OTTAWA.—Aurora, C.E., 15; Marseilles, Brookfield, 4.50, 19.50

SAGINAW.—Alma, 12.12, College C. Assn., 28.37, C.E., 10.67; Bay City, 1st, 7.89; Mem'l, 2.50; Saginaw, Warren Ave., 16.79; Washington Ave., 6; 1st, 51, Jr. C. E., 5, S.S., Home Dept., 10, King's Messengers, 5; Westm'r, 25, 180.34

ST. PAUL.—St. Paul, Dayton Ave., 38.10, C.E., 24.25; East Ch., 6.41; House of Hope, 95.50; Westm'r, 3.32; Merriam Pk., Van Cleve Bd., 16; White Bear Lake, 3, 186.58

SCHUYLER.—Elvaston, C.E., 3.00

Total for month,	$4,911.15
Total receipts since April 20,	14,305.16

MRS. C. B. FARWELL, *Treas.*,
Room 48, De Moyne Block, 40 East Randolph St.
CHICAGO, August 20, 1904.

Receipts of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church for August, 1904.

* Indicates Summer Offering.

BINGHAMTON.—Bainbridge, C.E., $25.00

BUFFALO.—A Friend, 135.00

CAYUGA.—Auburn, Central, 25; Aurora, 25; Cayuga, 5; Dryden, Girls' Bd., 5; Ithaca, 32.88, 92.88

EBENEZER, KY.—Ashland, 1st, C.E., 30; Lexington, 2d, Little Light Bearers, 75 cts., C.E., 5; Ludlow, 5, C.E., 2.50; Pikeville, McFarland Mem'l, Westm'r League, 10, 53.25

HUDSON.—Chester, Jr. C.E., 5; Circleville, 2; Goshen, Y.L.S., 18; Hamptonburg Ch., 9.50; Haverstraw, 25; Middletown, 1st, 51; 2d, 18; Monroe, 3.75, C.E., 5, Jr. C.E., 5; Monticello, 6.25; Ramapo, 10.80; South Centreville, C.E., 2.50; Westtown, 28, 189.80

LYONS.—Marion, Mrs. Seeley, 100; Palmyra, N. Y., Jr. C.E., 3.58, 103.58

NASSAU.—Freeport, 11; Jamaica, 1st, 10; Roslyn, 4.75, *1.25, 27.00

NEW YORK.—New York, Park, 67.50, Y.L.S., 67.50; Scotch, 14.85; Tremont, Jr. C.E., 5; Washington Heights, 20, 174.85

OTSEGO.—Unadilla, 2.75

MISCELLANEOUS.—Sorocco, New Mex., Jr. C.E., 1; A Friend in Cayuga Presbytery, 5, 6.00

LEGACY.—Estate of Miss Theda C. Hedges, Jamestown, N. Y., 475.00

Total,	$1,285.11
Total since April 1,	14,567.48

HENRIETTA W. HUBBARD, *Treas.*,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Receipts of Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest for the month ending August 24, 1904.

CIMARRON.—Enid, C.E., $25.00

NORTH TEXAS.—Denison, 4.90

WASHITA.—Ardmore, 5; Paul's Valley, 4.40, 9.40

MISCELLANEOUS, 6.49

Total for month,	$45.79
Total to date,	2,884.65

MRS. WM. BURG, *Treas.*,
August 24, 1904. 1756 Missouri Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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